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Coffee County Commission approves \$3,300 to help restore Folsom birthplace in Elba

by Linda Hodge, Editor

The Coffee County Commission voted Monday morning, Jan. 13, to supply approximately one-third of the estimated cost to revitalize the birthplace of Governor Jim Folsom, located in Elba, Ala.

Jim Folsom was born Oct. 9, 1908 in Coffee County, Ala. He died Nov. 21, 1987 in Cullman, Ala. Folsom served as Alabama's governor from 1947 to 1951 and again from 1955 to 1959.

His birthplace now sits on a lot in downtown Elba [on Putnam Street] and is designated as a historical monument.

In past work sessions, commissioners had been approached by a committee wanting to revitalize the wood-structure home to make it more stable.

During Monday's commission meeting, Commissioner Kim Ellis made a motion for the county to provide \$3,300 for this project. He said that would be roughly one-third of the revitalization costs.

Commissioner Jim Thompson said he had missed the last work session due to a family obligation, but the dollar amount he last knew of that commissioners had agreed to provide for this project was \$2,500. He asked when that figure had changed.

Commission chairman Dean Smith said Thompson was correct in noting the \$2,500 figure as the last amount discussed during a work session he was in attendance. He said further discussions later resulted in the one-third cost being thrown out as a possible funding option.

Ellis' motion to provide \$3,300 received a second from Commissioner Al Britt, and the motion passed with a 5-2 vote. The opposing votes were commissioners Thompson and Tom Grimsley.

County administrator Rod Morgan presented two bids the county had received for the publication of the voters list. He said the Southeast

Sun newspaper bid \$10,235.29 while the Enterprise Ledger newspaper bid \$7,260.

Commissioner unanimously voted to award the bid to The Enterprise Ledger.

County extension coordinator Gavin Mauldin said former extension coordinator Stan Windham recently retired from his job with the Alabama Extension office at Auburn University, and he would be starting a new livestock judging team for Coffee County. Mauldin said any young person interested in participating with the livestock judging team should call the extension office to find out more details.

The next Coffee County Commission meeting will be Monday, Jan. 27, at 9 a.m. in the community room of the county complex in New Brockton.



The estate of Joshua Marion Folsom and wife Eulal Dunnivant Folsom was the birthplace of former Alabama Governor Jim Folsom. This wood structure sits on a lot, designated as an official Alabama Historical landmark, in downtown Elba. The early 1900's home is in need of some repairs to preserve it to keep in honor of Folsom. During Monday's Coffee County Commission meeting, commissioners agreed to provide \$3,300 to assist in the renovation work of this home.

Elba City Council hears update on status of several projects, including sewer improvements

by Linda Hodge, Editor

The Elba City Council received updates Monday evening, Jan. 13, on several ongoing and soon-to-start improvement projects within the city during the council's regular bi-monthly meeting.

Regarding the Elba Sewer Improvements project,

assistant city clerk Pat Boothe said plans and specifications are with USDA Rural Development for review and approval. She said project engineers anticipate Rural Development comments and incorporation into the final documents with the engineer's internal review comments by the end of

February.

The next step would be to let the project for bid in March with bid opening to follow in April.

"Construction is currently setup for 11 months," Boothe said. "If the Notice to Proceed is issued in May, construction should be finishing up in April 2021."

CDG Engineers and Associates is the engineering firm handling the sewer project for Elba.

Southern Engineering Solutions has five projects in the works for the City of Elba, and Boothe provided an update on each of these based on information she had obtained from DeAnn Grantham, project engineer.

Boothe said the Hawkins Williams Resurfacing project is complete with final inspection held earlier this month on Jan. 6th.

The Downtown Restoration project also is nearing completion. Boothe said the awning contractor could finish up his part as early as this week, if weather allows. Once the awning work is completed, she said the painting contractor would return to complete touch up and cleanup work on that project.

The Elba Theatre project should show signs of progress at the start of February. Boothe said the roof system is expected to be delivered on Jan. 31st to allow work to begin that following Monday. She said this work is anticipated to be completed in April.

The Hawkins Williams LWCF [Land and Water Conservation Fund] Project is waiting on a quote in budge from a contractor, according to Boothe. She said a contractor had been located willing to take on this project, and the quote is anticipated this week to be approved at the next council

meeting.

Finally, Boothe said the USDA Water Improvements project is moving forward as well. She said engineers are working on specifications for water meter contract.

Also, the engineers met with ALDOT last week to discuss water main replacement and timing for the re-

surfacing of E. Davis Street and Hickman Ave. Boothe said the plan is to replace the water mains prior to ALDOT letting their project in April/May.

Council members had no questions regarding these projects but thanked Boothe for keeping them up-to-date on the status of these improvement projects.



The structural soundness of this house at 329 Brunson Circle has been an ongoing topic of several recent Elba City Council meetings. Recent improvements to the home, noted by code enforcement officer Bryson Dear, made way for an extension to March 15th to get the home structurally safe.

Elba Council allows owner more time to repair home at 329 Brunson Circle

by Linda Hodge, Editor

During the Elba City Council meeting held Monday evening, Jan. 13, a postponed discussion on the structure at 329 Brunson Circle came up for review.

The structure had been deemed unsafe some time back, and was on the city's demolition project list; however, the property owner had requested additional time to make necessary improvements to have the structure [home] re-evaluated to be considered structurally sound again and it removed from the unsafe structures list.

Elba Code Enforcement Officer Bryson Dear presented an update on the 329 Brunson Circle property during Monday evening's meeting, and he said improvement work is now noticeable at this site.

"Some repairs have been made," Dear said. "Structurally, however, it is still unsafe. I do believe there has been some work done to improve the property, and that is a good start."

Matt Brunson, speaking

on behalf of the property owner – his mother, said he had been in contact with his contractor, and there is a plan in place to fix the column issue that is making the home be deemed structurally unsafe.

"We needed to be sure the roof was sound first," Brunson said to the council. He said roof work was done first because if that was beyond fixing then there would have been no need to fix the other. The roof issue was repaired along with some other areas of concern for the home, all of which Dear showed the improvements via photos to council members.

Brunson said the holidays, of course, had slowed progress on the repair project for this home, but he said his contractor's plan to repair the column that is making the home be considered an unsafe structure is to replace it with a metal pipe that would be driven into the ground and a new footer and attach that to the house. He said the brick column would

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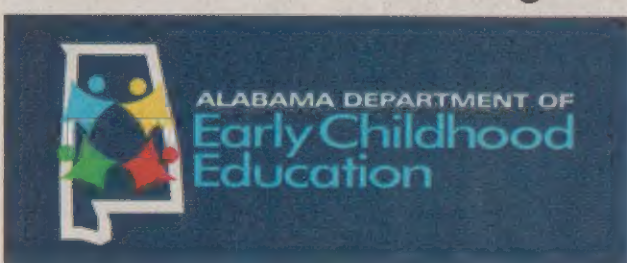
Elba Elementary School announces start of pre-registration for First Class Pre-K Program

Online applications for pre-registration into the First Class Pre-K Program – this is Alabama's Voluntary Pre-K Program for Elba Elementary School is underway now.

This is for the 2020-2021 school year.

According to Kenya Martin, counselor at Elba Elementary School, the pre-registration dates are Jan. 15 – March 27th. She said forms can be accessed online at <https://alprek.asap-connected.com>, and representatives at Elba City Schools can provide assistance in filling out the forms if needed.

Enrollment is open to all children four years of age on or before Sept. 1, 2020 who are residents of the state of Alabama [children who are eligible for kindergarten are ineligible for this program]. Enrollees must provide a copy of the child's birth certificate. Also, enrollees must provide proof of residence – either a current utility bills or copy of a



lease or mortgage. These documents may be uploaded into the online pre-registration site or submitted directly to Elba Elementary School, according to Martin.

There is no registration fee. Upon enrollment, the child's immunization record must be provided.

Acceptance into the First Class Pre-K Program will strictly be through a random drawing to be held March 27th at Elba Elementary School at 9 a.m. The child's parent/guardian does not have to be present at the drawing.

Notices regarding the drawing will be emailed beginning April 16th. For more information about the state's program, visit

www.children.alabama.gov and see Pre-Registration Info under the First Class Pre-K tab. No child will be denied participation on basis of income, sex, race, color, national origin, or disability.

Area Happenings

THE CITY OF ELBA OFFICES WILL BE CLOSED

Monday, Jan. 20, in observance of Martin Luther King Jr. Day. The garbage truck will run its normal schedule. There will be standby crews available for any utility emergencies that may occur during this time. To report a utility emergency when City Hall is closed, call the Elba Police Department at (334) 897-2555.

THE JANUARY MEETING FOR THE DAV WIRE-GRASS CHAPTER 99

located in New Brockton, Ala. will be Thursday, Jan. 23, at 6 p.m. The meeting will take place in the New Brockton Senior Center. For further information contact Charles Lobdell at (334) 718-5707.

EDITORIAL

BRAINSTORMS

With Ferrin Cox

"Cheers to a new year and another chance for us to get it right." - Oprah Winfrey

A writer in the New York Times has some good news predictions for humanity. One is that by 2030 we will have figured out how to unplug those cell phones from the side of our heads! Of course, he "almost guarantees" that lots of the new tech stuff will be implanted into our bodies . . . ugh. That last is a big stretch, considering that there are billions of people in this ole world who still don't have ID chips implanted into their pets.

Earlier this week we started reading an article on all the benefits of not eating ANY sugar. The first few 'facts' were read without much reaction and we were honestly trying to remember them. Then the game breaker on the list was "You will be happier." That was the killer . . . there is no way this ole mossback would be happy without ANY sugar!

Ho Hum . . . less than a month until the Iowa presidential caucuses. Of course, it is only the Democratic candidates that are in the battle trenches. The Republicans have long conceded their nomination to the incumbent president, Donald Trump. The Democrats are raising lots of campaign funds, but it is also spread over many candidates. Frankly we feel for the person who ultimately wins the Democratic nomination. It will entail days and days of hard campaigning, tons and tons of money to be raised and . . . sitting at home just like the rest of us watching Trump be sworn in for another four years.

FEMA has announced a program that is smart, and the only downside is that it took so long for this to become a reality. As many know, FEMA hauls in hundreds, maybe thousands of mobile homes to natural disaster areas to house those homeless from the storm, earthquake, etc. Now they are offering to sell those trailers to the disaster victims who don't have any permanent place to live. . . great! Previously the practice had been that when the disaster victims moved out of the trailers, the trailers were sold . . . at a fraction of their value. It was good business to buy a bunch of them and later resell at a profit. No harm in that except the American taxpayer coughed up the difference in the original purchase price and the fire sale 'used' trailer price. Then FEMA went out and bought up a bunch of new ones for the next disaster. Taxpayers still pay the bills but now it is helping someone who just lost everything they had on this earth through no fault of their own.

Nancy Pelosi? Is she winning or losing the battle for impeaching the president? Our take is that she didn't have any leverage in the beginning. Senate decision makers who are favoring President Trump don't really care if she ever sends the official 'Articles of Impeachment' from the House of Representatives to the Senate. That is because the issue is dead if never officially transmitted from the House to the Senate. Thus, her leverage and deal making possibilities are nonexistent in this matter.

Early Saturday afternoon (around 2 p.m.) the lights went off in a large part of Elba, including our house and office. We were just getting ready to eat a late lunch . . . and did, but it was a green salad (put together in the semi-darkness) and a soft drink. Don't worry about us starving, we made up for the disruption Saturday night after the electricity started flowing again! It did give us time to be grateful for those dedicated utility workers who braved the weather for several hours to get our power flowing again.

Collecting the pull tabs off aluminum cans is a passion for some of us. They are collected for a number of charities. In our case it is the Ronald McDonald House in Birmingham (near UAB). We pick them up one at the time or however they are found. It is not unusual for other people to drop off their collection of tabs to combine with ours on the way to Birmingham. Recently we got a couple of large containers, including a gallon jug, of tabs from a motorcycle club or 'gang' if you so choose to call them such.

This is not the first time we have stumbled on a group of these motorcycle lovers who go against the grain of being mean 'noted for violence' folks. This group is centered down around Samson and are noted for being nice guys who just enjoy their bikes and their biker friends. We thank them, and the sick children staying at the Ronald McDonald house thank them for this dedicated support. Several years ago, while at a family gathering at Lake Eufaula, we met a large, nice group of bikers from Florida that were traveling with wives and young children (some by auto). They had a hall reserved at Lake Point Lodge and were involved in a couple of days of hearing some serious church sermons. They were mixing the church meetings with family fun and fine eating.

We can all help fight human trafficking

From Rep. Martha Roby,
2nd Congressional District

The state of Alabama reached several significant milestones and experienced many successes in 2019.

We commemorated the 200th anniversary of Alabama's statehood, saw a record low unemployment rate, and witnessed new economic growth and development taking place across the state. When there are so many positives to celebrate, it can be simple to overlook the

unwanted storylines hiding in the shadows. While it was a year full of monumental moments and exciting celebration in Alabama, there are still serious issues across the state and country that are desperate for our attention: one major problem being human trafficking.

The White House recently issued a Presidential Proclamation declaring January 2020 as National Slavery and Human Trafficking Prevention Month. This proclamation also highlights the 20

year anniversary of the Trafficking Victims Protection Act of 2000 (TVPA).

With the enactment of TVPA, the United States took significant steps in the fight against human trafficking and related offenses by making them a federal crime attached with severe penalties. I have pushed efforts, along with my colleagues in Congress, and working with the Administration to prevent human trafficking by passing and signing several pieces of legislation into law, including the Abolish Human Trafficking Act, the Frederick Douglass Trafficking Victims Prevention and Protection Reauthorization Act, and Trafficking Victims Protection Act.

Rest assured that we will continue our best efforts in this fight as 2020 progresses.

Human trafficking unfortunately affects millions across the world. Many times, unseen problems are the most dangerous of them all. It may seem easy to write off human trafficking as an action that only takes place in Third World countries, but it happens in our very own Alabama communities and around the U.S. every single day. Human trafficking is a multi-billion dollar criminal enterprise and one of the fastest growing illegal industries in the world, and it is growing at an extremely alarming rate.

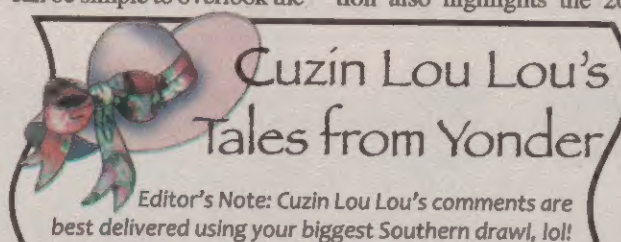
The International Labour Organization estimates that there are nearly 25 million victims worldwide. The un-

derground nature and secrecy of these operations make it difficult for authorities to accurately estimate the total number of victims across the U.S. Until we beat this horrible problem altogether, there is much work to be done.

Human trafficking can take many forms, and it is hard to know the full scale of its impact. Even though it is a larger issue that is faced no matter the country you live in, there are ways in which we can take responsibility to tackle trafficking head on. It is crucial to be aware of what is going on around you in your community.

If at any point you have information on a potential trafficking case or believe you have witnessed something questionable, act fast and immediately contact the Alabama State Bureau of Investigation at (334) 242-1142 or visit their website to file report at <https://www.alea.gov/sbi>. Hotlines and helplines are also critical components of human trafficking prevention, and they can be powerful tools. You can contact the National Human Trafficking Hotline by calling 1 (888) 373-7888 or texting 233733.

Let's all do the best we can to look out for one another in our communities. We must continue to make it evident this terrible form of modern-day slavery has no place in our country and that we will remain committed to fighting it every step of the way.



Cuzin Lou Lou from Somewhere Over Yonder was scrolling through her Facebook timeline recently, and came across a story someone had shared. . . It was nothing short of a show stopper!

In her best southern drawl, she exclaimed, "Surely, my eyes are deceiving me!"

Much to her dismay, she had read the headline correctly - "Florida man wakes up to find another man sucking on his toes"

Now, you see. . . Cuzin Lou Lou is a well-versed individual. In her own mind, at least, and from Somewhere Over Yonder some might say she is even a 'legend' - again, mostly in her own mind.

This, however, was too much for even a woman of her caliber.

"Just when you think you have seen it all," she declared. Like any good southern woman - well, really any women, southern or not. She was much too intrigued to not read this article, even if the headline made her stomach turn quicker than a roller coaster traveling 60 miles per hour on a wood track.

She clicked to investigate further.

It was worse than she ever could have imagined. Not only was the man awakened by this strange occurrence, but it was burglar none the less. And, on Christmas Eve of all nights!

Before reading on to discover the conclusion this disturbing matter, Cuzin Lou Lou thought to herself, "I know exactly what would have happened to that burglar if he had awakened a man from Over Yonder in such a manner! And, it would not have ended well for him."

Reading further. . .

Cuzin Lou Lou was happy to see the victim fought back against the burglar, sicko might be the more appropriate description, after he had admitted to being there "to suck toes."

"What in the name of Yonder?!?" Cuzin Lou Lou thought in outrage.

After the fight ensued, the burglar got away but not before smashing a window to the home as well as the windshield of the homeowners' vehicle outside.

It took Cuzin Lou Lou several minutes to recover from the story. A woman with a vivid imagination, the images she created in her mind while reading it would most likely scare her for days. Yet, she knew she had to dissect the matter to try and make some sort of sense out of the horror that was a real true story of one man sucking another's toes.

"The Bible does say thou shall love thy neighbor, but surely the good Lord did not have this in mind," Cuzin Lou Lou thought.

Her next thought, however, was almost as morbid as the incident itself. "If this had happened Over Yonder, the burglar most likely would have been asked if he enjoyed that jam with those toes right before being nailed upside his head by a forceful kick!"

Cuzin Lou Lou concluded there simply was no making sense of this particular story, and she wished she had never come across it in the first place. . . those were simply minutes in her life that she could never get back!

In all seriousness, though, Cuzin Lou Lou hopes the victim has not had too many nightmares since this horrid event on Christmas Eve night. She further hopes the DNA samples taken from the victim's toes (another shudder at the thought) have helped law enforcement capture the suspect to remove him from society.

Until next time, securely lock those doors at night and have sweet dreams!

And, from Somewhere Over Yonder - God Bless and Keep Smiling!

** Cuzin Lou Lou is, simply put, a figment of the imagination. Each week, Cuzin Lou Lou will explore actual stories, happenings and more by adding a bit of humor to each from her homeland of Somewhere Over Yonder. The intent of this column is to take a light-hearted look at things and be entertaining only. As a side note, Cuzin Lou Lou will make her first public appearance Saturday evening, Feb. 22, at Basin Baptist Church's Winter Social event.

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Elba Police Report

The Elba Police Department, between Monday, Jan. 6, and Sunday, Jan. 12, made the following arrests: one for failure to appear, one for possession of narcotics, and one for an outstanding warrant.

There were 15 traffic citations and 15 traffic warnings [verbal and written] issued by Elba Police officers during the timeframe of Jan. 6th - Jan. 12th.

MONDAY, JAN. 6 - Officers responded to the scene of an accident on Hwy 203 (6:38 a.m.); Officers responded to remove an unwanted guest at a residence on Roosevelt Dr (1:25 p.m.); Officers responded to a residence on Cedar Lane Drive after dispatch received 9-1-1 calls - found it was a child playing with the phone (3:08 p.m.); Officers responded to the scene of a 2-vehicle accident on Hwy 203 (6:12 p.m.).

TUESDAY, JAN. 7 - Officers responded to INZI Controls in reference to a report of threats being made (10:24 a.m.); Officers responded to the area of Hwy 203 and Hwy 189 at Claxton Ave in reference to a 2-vehicle accident (5:25 p.m.); Officers responded to the area of Mulberry Circle in reference to a report of possible gun shots being heard around the ballfield (8:25 p.m.); Officers were out with a suspicious vehicle at Evergreen Cemetery - the subject in the vehicle had an outstanding warrant and was arrested (10:20 p.m.).

WEDNESDAY, JAN. 8 - Officers met with a complainant in the area of Taylor Mill Rd in reference to trespassing (7:41 a.m.); Officers responded to Garrett St in reference to a verbal altercation - advised the parties separated (10:20 a.m.).

THURSDAY, JAN. 9

Officers responded to reports of a bag found with possible drugs inside it in the area of Hwy 203 (11:42 a.m.); Officers met with a complainant in the area of Elm Ave in reference to a neighbor using a burn barrel - had no contact with any fire (6:06 p.m.); Officers responded to reports of shots fired in area of Elba Villas (9:25 p.m.).

FRIDAY, JAN. 10 - Officers responded to a possible breaking and entering on Adkinson St (2:05 a.m.); Officers responded to the scene of a 2-vehicle accident on Hwy. 203 (5:59 a.m.); Officer responded to a suspicious person call on Caroline St (9:13 p.m.).

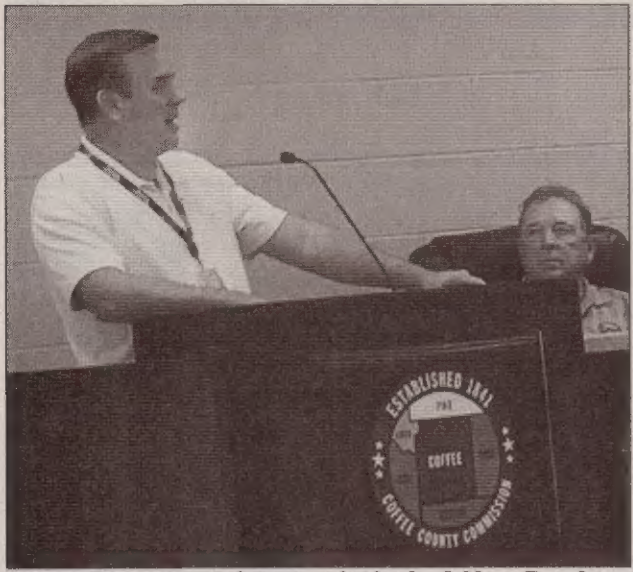
SATURDAY, JAN. 11 - Officers responded to a residence on Sawyer St in reference to suspicious activity (1:20 a.m.); Officers responded to the Elba Cigo store in reference to a person there claiming to have been beaten by another person with brass knuckles - subject refused medical treatment (7:37 a.m.); Officers responded to Elba Villas in reference to a complaint of loud music coming from one of the apartments - advised resident to turn down the music (1:15 p.m.); Officers responded to Larkin Rd, just past the airport, in reference to a tree blocking one lane of traffic (4:18 p.m.); Officers responded to a residence on Taylor Mill Rd in reference to an unwanted house guest - advised the subject to leave the property (5:40 p.m.).

SUNDAY, JAN. 12 - Officers responded to the area of Smith Ave in reference to sounds of possible gunshots (3:38 a.m.); Officers responded to report of suspicious activity at a business on Hwy 203 (9:13 p.m.).

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Bryan Peacock, assistant principal of New Brockton High School, addressed Coffee County Commissioners during their regular meeting Monday, Jan. 13, and asked the group to waive the rental fee for use of the farm center for the school's upcoming banquet. Peacock said the banquet is set for Sunday, Jan. 26, from 2-5 p.m. He said the school would pay the custodial fees for using the venue. After hearing Peacock's presentation, commissioners voted unanimously to waive the rental fees for the farm center for the event.

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then be used only for cosmetic appear as the new pipe would secure the structure.

Asked by council members if he thought this would work, Dear said he did believe that plan would make the structure safe again, if it is done as stated. If done, Dear said that would make the home structurally safe again, and it would be removed from the list of structures deemed unsafe in Elba.

Brunson said he felt the contractor could have this work done within a month or so, if the council would again work with him and allow a little more time.

"This home has sentimental value and work is being done to make it more structurally sound," Dear said. "It believe we should give [him] a little more time to continue to work on it."

Based on Dear's recommendation, council member Tom Maddox made a motion with a second from council member Gappa Wise to grant the owner of the property until March 15 to bring the structure up-to-date structurally. The motion passed with the council members Maddox, Wise, Rolanda Jones and AR Wil-

ESCC announces President's, Dean's Lists for Fall Semester

Enterprise State Community College President Matt Rodgers and Dean of Instruction Danny Long recently announced that several local students had been named to the President's and Dean's Lists.

These students from ESCC and the Alabama Aviation College in Ozark, a unit of Enterprise State, are recognized for their high academic achievement for the Fall 2019 semester. To be placed on the President's List, students are required to maintain a semester grade point average of 4.0 and complete a minimum semester course load of 12 semester credit hours of college-level work. For Fall 2019, 125 students have been recognized.

Local Students named to the President's List are:

Elba: Lydia Rochelle Dunn, Chanlyn Michelle Free, Layken Cole Hussey, Tanner Alan Morris, Tristen Nicholas Tindell, and Michael Shane Watson

New Brockton: James Daniel Anderson, Kayla Marie Burch, Charles Philip Cardwell, Caitlyn Nicole

Williams, and Mayor Mickey Murdock voting favor. Council member Jane Brunson was absent.

Also, during Monday evening's meeting, Police Chief Leslie Hussey reported that his department had no major complaints over the holidays. He said there were a few complaints in reference to fireworks, but that is a common thing for the time of year.

Hussey did say his officers served a search warrant on Jan. 4th that resulted in the seizure of drugs and guns. Otherwise, he said operations for the police department had been fairly routine.

The council approved payment of bills totaling \$283,836.36. Some larger payments of note in these bills included ½ the annual premium for the city's municipal workers comp insurance at \$58,009.50; a payment to McClain Contracting for the downtown project at \$57,710.84; and a quarterly insurance premium payment for the city to Southeast Insurance at \$15,116.13.

The next Elba City Council meeting is set for Monday, Jan. 27, at 5:30 p.m. at Elba City Hall.

Kinston: Kathryn Rose Free and Noah Hudson Wilks

Jack: Kendra L. Grissett

Brantley: William Harrison Weed

To be placed on the Dean's List, students are required to maintain a semester grade point average of 3.5 or above but below 4.0 and complete a minimum semester course load of 12 semester hours of college-level work. For Fall 2019, 126 students have been recognized.

Local Students named to the Dean's List are:

Elba: Cassidy Brienne Burrow, Tiffany Josie-Ann Campbell, Laken Kymmae Cooks, Gracie Elizabeth Coppage, Regan Austin Danner, Vanesa Jimenez, and Jessica Lewis

New Brockton: Keltzie Raeann Harrison, Nathan Michael Prows, Aliyana R. Sewell, and Kelsey Rogres Smith

Kinston: Michael Floyd and Nicholas Ryan Landingham

Jack: Willow Rose Johnson

Obituaries

Death notices updated regularly on our website at <www.elba-clipper.com>

JEFFREY SCOTT BRANTON

Mr. Jeffrey Scott Branton, age 37, of Deatsville, Ala., died Saturday, Dec. 28, 2019.

Born Feb. 12, 1982 in Dothan, Ala., to Tommy Earl Branton and Thelma Mable Ketcham Rogers, Jeff enjoyed motorcycles and was an avid Alabama Crimson Tide fan.

Funeral services were held Dec. 31, 2019 at Westgate Church of Christ with Reverend Joe Von Barrington and Reverend Chris Jones officiating. Memorial contributions may be made to Allison Branton for Jeff's medical expenses at P. O. Box 681148-Prattville, AL 36068.

Jeff is preceded in death by his father, Tommy Earl Branton.

Survivors include his wife: Allison Lee Brunson Branton; his mother: Thelma Rogers (Jerry); his brother: Michael Branton; his mother-in-law: Jennifer Hughes (Jim); his father-in-law: Greg Brunson (Janet); his step-brother: Stephen Rogers; his step-sister: Renee Godwin (Darren); his fur babies, Rambo, Millie, Emma Claire, Romeo and Juliet, and Oreo; other relatives and friends.

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in 1969 with honors, and he earned a Master's degree in accounting from Northeastern University in 1972. He was the comptroller at Tuskegee University and served in a senior position at Alabama State University. He was a member of Alpha Phi Alpha Fraternity. He served in the Army and was a veteran of the Vietnam War.

Funeral services were held Jan. 10, 2020 at Center Missionary Baptist Church, Newville, Ala., with Coleman Funeral Home of Enterprise directing.

He is preceded in death by his mother, Catherine Newby, and sister, Freddie Jean Newby.

Survivors include his father: Frederick Douglas Newby, Enterprise; daughters: Natalie Christine Newby and Courtney Nicole Newby, of Providence, RI; nieces: Cassandra Renee Grady Youngblood, Brentwood, Calif.; Cheryl Yvette Grady, Frederick, Md.; as well as a host of grandchildren, great-nephews, a great niece and cousins.

BETTY ROSS THOMAS

Mrs. Betty Ross Thomas, age 67, of Elba, Ala., died Thursday, Jan. 2, 2020, at Thomas Hospital in Fairhope, Ala.

Betty was born November 28, 1952 to the late Mandy Jefferson and Saint Patrick Brown in Prairie, Miss. On March 14, 1975 she married her late husband, Leon Thomas, during his military duty in Colorado Springs, Colorado.

Funeral services were held January 11, 2020 at Coleman Funeral Home and Crematory of Elba.

Mrs. Thomas is preceded in death by her husband, Leon Thomas; son, Alonzo Anthony Nickson; sister, Donnie Moore (Pee Wee); brother, Robert Brown; grandson, Kewaune Ontee Williams; as well as her mother, Mandy Jefferson; and father, Saint Patrick Brown.

Survivors include her daughters: Tedie Barrow (Albert), Elba, April Thomas (Sam), Enterprise; son: Martinez Thomas (Tyerrah), Elba; goddaughter: Beverly Aponte, Ozark, Ala.; stepson: Leon Coleman (Angie), Montgomery, Ala.; sister: Aldonia Edwards (Jeff), WestPoint, Miss.; brother: Jimmy Brown (Chaujunita), Minneapolis, Minn.; sister-in-law: Amelia Carpenter and brother-in-law: Richard Thomas, both of Elba; five granddaughters: Keonna Williams, Troy, Ala.; Kiyehsha Williams, Elba, Adrianna and Antraniya, both of Enterprise, and Hillary Coleman, Montgomery; five grandsons: Keshawne and Kermire (Jr.), Elba, Ka-

deem and Jawon, Slocumb, Ala., and Leon Son, Montgomery; along with 13 great-grandchildren and a host of nieces, nephews and many friends.

BILLY RAY BRYANT

Mr. Billy Ray Bryant, age 67, of Skipperville, Ala., died Thursday, January 9, 2020, at Enterprise Health & Rehabilitation Center in Enterprise, Ala.

Funeral services were held Jan. 13, 2020 from the Chapel of Hayes Funeral Home in Elba, Ala. Burial followed in the Evergreen Cemetery of Elba.

Mr. Bryant was preceded in death by his father - Ed Bryant, mother - Frances Bryant, sister - Mary McRummen, and brother - Billy Edward Bryant.

Survivors include his brothers: Willie (Tracy)

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I would like to thank everyone for their prayers, phone calls, visits, food and all acts of kindness during the death of my daughter.

May God bless each of you.

Mrs. Fannie Folmar Brooks & Family 1/16/pd

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Hello to
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Kristen Marie Nelson

Kristen Marie Nelson was born Dec. 15th

Nicholas and Shai Nelson announce the birth of their daughter, Kristen Marie Nelson, born Dec. 15, 2019 in Enterprise, Ala. Their baby girl weighed 7 lbs 11 oz at birth.

Proud grandparents are John and Christina Nelson of Elba along with Kenneth and Marilyn Yelverton of Enterprise and Robert and Helena Myers of New Orleans, La. Great-grandparents are R C (and the late Annie Pearl) Carpenter and Gladys (and the late EJ) Yelverton, of Elba.

Kristen Marie was welcomed home by her big sister, Kennedy Nichole, age 5.



Forest landowners invited to participate in Jan. 17th field visit in Covington County

On Friday, Jan. 17, consulting forester John Loflin will host a field visit in Covington County to talk to area landowners about how to generate or enhance income from woodland property.

His presentation, "Forest Management for Small Landowners," will cover forest management topics such as replanting, choosing the right tree species for a site, thinning, prescribed fire, and working with neighboring landowners to form a co-op for more successful timber sales.

Forest landowners are invited to attend. Attendees will meet at David's Catfish House at 1842 E. Three Notch St. in Andalusia at 9:30 a.m. and will caravan to the private property no later than 10 a.m. for the tour and presentation. Afterwards, everyone is invited back to David's Catfish for a dutch treat lunch.

RSVP to jnelson@afoa.org or call (205) 624-2225 or (334) 524-1920.

Troy University recognizes recent Fall/Term 2 graduates

Troy University and City of Montgomery, Ala., along with teaching sites outside of Alabama and online.

Local students who graduated include:

ELBA: Monica Henderson, Reyanta Caldwell, Saeg Johnson, Jenny Reed, and Amanda Reeves
JACK: Courtney Brown, Heather Lasalle, and Haley Sanders



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Masters of Soul in Enterprise tonight, Jan. 16th

The Coffee County Arts Alliance and Center Drugs & Home Health will present Masters of Soul – A Motown Music Review on Thursday, Jan. 16, [tonight] at the Enterprise High School Performing Arts Center at 7 p.m.

In the early 60's some of the most iconic names in the history of popular music were discovered in the Motor City of Detroit, Mich., better known, simply, as MOTOWN. MASTERS OF SOUL is a celebration of these artists, their music and style. The show features stylishly costumed fully choreo-

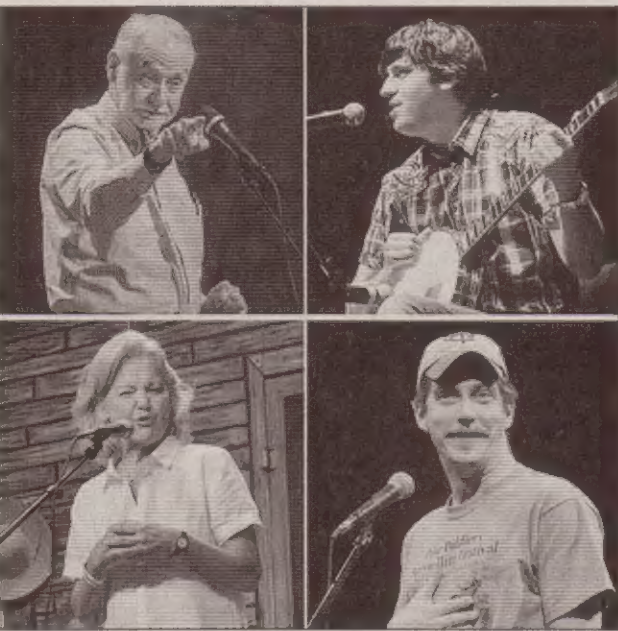
graphed tributes to both male and female groups backed by a live band. Hear the big hits of The Temptations, Gladys Knight & the Pips, Marvin Gaye & Tammi Terrell, Smokey Robinson & the Miracles, the Four Tops, Diana Ross & The Supremes, The Jackson Five, Martha Reeves & The Vandellas, Barry White, Stevie Wonder and the Commodores.

For season and individual tickets or information, visit the website at www.CoffeeCountyArtsAlliance.com or call 334.406.2787.

DAV Wiregrass Chapter 99 set to meet Jan. 23rd in New Brockton

The January meeting for the DAV Wiregrass Chapter 99 located in New Brockton, Ala. will be Thursday, Jan. 23, at 6 p.m.

The meeting will take place in the New Brockton Senior Center. For further information contact Charles Lobdell at (334)718-5707.



Storytellers set to perform at annual Pike Piddlers Storytelling Festival set for Jan. 24th and 25th in Pike County

Tickets are now on sale for the Pike Piddlers Storytelling Festival, January 24 and 25, 2020.

The 14th annual storytelling festival will open with supper and stories on Friday night at the We Piddle Around Theater in Brundage [this performance is sold out already] and continue with three storytelling concerts at the Trojan Center Theater on the campus of Troy University in Troy on Saturday, Jan. 25.

Donald Davis, the Dean of Storytelling, will be joined by Appalachian Josh Goforth, Texan Barbara McBride-Smith and West Virginian Bil Lepp. All four tellers are back for 2020 by popular demand, so it will be a perfect weekend for storytelling.

Donald Davis is billed as better than fine wine because his stories can be absorbed and savored for a lifetime. His facial expressions and his body language bring the stories to life. And, he has promised his Grand Canyon story this year.

Josh Goforth, a Grammy-nominated musician, has played everywhere from the café down the street to Carnegie Hall and the Grand Ole Opry. So, he's right at home on stage whether he's playing foot-stomping fiddle music or telling stories of his growing up among

the tobacco fields in the mountains of Western North Carolina.

Barbara McBride-Smith is the female's answer to Donald Davis, Bowden said. "When she steps to the microphone, she takes off and she never slows down. With that Texas twang, she reminds you of a carnival barker or a fire and brimstone preacher. It would be difficult for even a preacher to hold a candle to her when she catches fire."

There was a rumor that Bil Lepp was going to run for a high political office in West Virginia. Evidently, he decided to come to the Pike Piddlers Storytelling Festival instead.

Although Lepp is a five-time champion liar, his stories often contain morsels of truth. His tales can sometimes be confusing but are always ultra-amusing.

The Trojan Center Theater tickets for Saturday's performances are: 10 a.m. (\$10), 2 p.m. (\$15) and 6:30 p.m. (\$10). All day tickets are \$30. The preshow music starts 30 minutes before the storytelling. All concerts feature all four tellers with different stories.

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Ma-Chis Lower Creek Indian Tribe of Alabama announces Jan. 25th meeting

There will be a tribal meeting for the Ma-Chis Lower Creek Indian Tribe of Alabama on Saturday, Jan. 25th.

The meeting will begin at 2 p.m. CST and will be held at the Ma-Chis Lower Creek Indian Tribe of Alabama, 64 Private Road 1312, Elba [GPS directions are: 2950 County Road 377 Elba, Alabama 36323].

The subject of the meeting will be Census 2020, grants, scholarships and federal recognition.

All Tribe members are encouraged to attend.

Elba Senior Center to host SARCOA reps Wednesday, Jan. 29, to assist senior citizens in applying for programs

SARCOA [area agency on aging] will be at the Elba Senior Citizens Center on Wednesday, Jan. 29, from 11 a.m. until 12:30 p.m. assisting senior citizens [age 60+] in signing up for the Senior Farmers Market Nutrition Voucher Booklets.

The Elba Sr. Citizens Center is located at 304 Factory St., in downtown Elba.

SARCOA representatives also will assist the seniors in screening for the SNAP food assistance program and other state benefits. Eligibility for these programs is based on age and household income. Information needed includes gross monthly income for each household member, date of

SARCOA
Area Agency on Aging

birth, phone, mailing address and the last four digits of the individuals' Social Security number.

This is open to the public.

All seniors age 60 and older encouraged to join fun at Elba Senior Citizens Center

The Elba Senior Citizens Center encourages all seniors – age 60 and older – to join the center for lots of fun, activities and more.

Along with nutritious meals 5-days-per-week, the director works with seniors to help them apply for several programs they may qualify for, including: Farmers Market Vouchers, HRDC- Energy Assistance, Food Assistance, Medicaid Waiver, Senior Rx Program, Medicare Savings Program, etc. A senior must be an active participant at the Elba Senior center for the director to sign up for pro-

SARCOA serves senior citizens in Barbour, Coffee, Covington, Dale, Geneva, Henry and Houston counties.

grams that they may qualify for to receive assistance.

To become a center participant, attendance is not based on income. This is a social place to come have fun and find or make new friends. If interested in joining the center, stop by or call 897-3019. The Elba Senior Citizens Center is located at 304 N. Factory Ave., Elba. Also, seniors age 60 and older that cannot come to the center may qualify for meals being brought to home. Contact Donna Falls, Elba Senior Center director, for more information.

Lifestyles
News is
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January is cervical cancer awareness month

During January, Cervical Cancer Awareness Month, the Alabama Department of Public Health (ADPH) wants to remind Alabamians that cervical cancer is over 90 percent preventable.

With improved education, access to gynecologic care, and most importantly – vaccination, cervical cancer can join other eradicated diseases of the past. When found early, cervical cancer is highly treatable and associated with high survival rates.

Almost all cervical cancers are caused by the human papillomavirus (HPV), a very common virus that 80 percent of women will be exposed to at some point in their lifetime. HPV is passed person-to-person through sexual contact. Because HPV usually does not exhibit any symptoms, it is possible to have HPV without knowing it, and to unknowingly spread the virus to others.

Although men are not at risk for cervical cancer, they are at risk for other types of HPV-related cancers, including penile and oropharyngeal cancers of the neck, mouth and throat.

The risk of developing cervical cancer and other types of HPV-related cancers can be drastically reduced with a series of safe and effective vaccines that will protect women and men against the most common types of HPV and their related health problems. HPV vaccination could prevent more than 90 percent of

cancers caused by HPV. The Centers for Disease Control and Prevention (CDC) Advisory Committee on Immunization Practices (ACIP) recommends that the ideal age to vaccinate is 11 and 12. ACIP also recommends HPV vaccination to include the "catch-up" age for both men and women age 18 to 26. Recently the ACIP voted to expand the recommendation to also include older adults up to age 45 who had not been adequately vaccinated. Research has shown that older adults can still benefit by gaining protection against the HPV types to which a person has not been exposed.

Cervical cancer causes the death of about 4,000 U.S. women each year. According to data collected by the CDC, there are more deaths from cervical cancer in Alabama than in any other state in the nation.

The average age of diagnosis tends to occur in women between the ages of 35 and 44. Many older women do not realize that the risk of developing cervical cancer is still present as they age; in fact, all women are at risk for cervical cancer.

State Health Officer Dr. Scott Harris said, "Because cervical cancer is over 90

percent preventable, it is important for women to take charge and be active participants in their own health."

To help prevent cervical cancer, the ADPH urges women to:

- Get vaccinated.
- Practice safe sex.
- Be smoke-free.
- Have routine Pap screenings.

• Ask for an HPV test with Pap smear for ages 30 and over.

• Watch for abnormal vaginal discharge and bleeding and seek immediate medical attention.

Every January the USA Health Mitchell Cancer Institute partners with several organizations, including ADPH, to launch the "Go Teal and White" statewide campaign in an effort to raise awareness about cervical cancer prevention and its impact on the state of Alabama. The RSA Towers, along with other buildings throughout the state, will be lit in teal and white on January 17.

The Alabama Breast and Cervical Cancer Early Detection Program provides free cervical cancer screenings for women who meet eligibility guidelines. For more information, contact ABCEDP toll-free at 1-877-252-3324 or contact your local county health department.

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NOTICE

The Evergreen Cemetery Board of Directors is currently seeking bids for the lawn care and maintenance for the upcoming 2020 mowing season. All interested contractors are encouraged to go by the Elba City Hall to pick up a packet containing information and requirements to successfully submit a bid for this annual contract. All Bids are required to be turned in to Elba City Hall no later than 5:00 PM on Friday, February 14, 2020. The Evergreen Cemetery Board of Directors reserves the right to reject any and all bids.

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IRS to open 2020 filing season for individual filers on Jan. 27

The Internal Revenue Service confirmed that the nation's tax season will start for individual tax return filers on Monday, January 27, 2020, when the tax agency will begin accepting and processing 2019 tax year returns.

The deadline to file 2019 tax returns and pay any tax owed is Wednesday, April 15, 2020. More than 150 million individual tax returns for the 2019 tax year are expected to be filed, with the vast majority of those coming before the traditional April tax deadline.

"As we enter the filing season, taxpayers should know that the dedicated workforce of the IRS stands ready to help," said IRS Commissioner Chuck Rettig. "We encourage taxpayers to plan ahead and use the tools and information available on IRS.gov. The IRS and the nation's tax community are committed to making this another smooth filing season."

The IRS set the January 27 opening date to ensure the security and readiness of key tax processing systems and to address the potential impact of recent tax legislation on 2019 tax returns.

While taxpayers may prepare returns through the IRS' Free File program as well as many tax software companies and tax professionals before the start date, processing of those returns will begin after IRS systems open later this month.

"The IRS encourages everyone to consider filing electronically and choosing direct deposit," Rettig said. "It's fast, accurate and the best way to get your refund as quickly as possible."

Filing electronically flags common errors and prompts taxpayers for missing information. Taxpayers can get free help preparing and filing taxes through IRS Free File online or free tax help from trained volunteers at community sites around the country. The IRS also reminds taxpayers that they don't have to wait until January 27 to start their tax return or contact a reputable tax preparer.

In addition, IRS tax help is available 24 hours a day on IRS.gov, the official IRS website, where people can find answers to tax questions and resolve tax issues online. The Let Us Help You page helps answer most tax questions, and the IRS Services Guide (PDF) links to these and other IRS services.

in May, is a current college student, or an adult who is returning to pursue higher education, this "Cash for College" event will provide assistance in completing the FAFSA accurately and on time.

Those planning to attend in the summer of 2020 should bring completed 2017 IRS income tax returns, W-2 forms, and other 2017 income and benefits information, said Bass. Those planning to attend fall, spring or summer 2021 should bring completed 2018 IRS income tax returns, W-2 forms, and other 2018 income and benefits information.

It is recommended that parents attend with dependent students, usually those under the age of 24. Bring tax information for the parents as well as dependents if they worked during the appropriate year. Students age 24 or older may attend alone and bring their own tax, income and benefits information.

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SPORTS NEWS

Views From
The Pressbox

By Ricky Mularz, Sports Editor

Our grandson Lawson was ready to head back to school last week after a three-week holiday break and fell right back into his usual afternoon routine of doing his homework and taking a bath. He still found time to play his video games, but was obviously happy to be back in school.

For what it is worth....

*** *The Elba Tigers opened area play* last week and posted one win and one loss to fall into second place in the area standings. The Tigers opened area play with an impressive win over Kinston and showed that despite its lack of size it had the quickness to take over a game and score points on the run, while in the loss to Florala, the Tigers fell behind big in the first quarter and never recovered despite battling hard until the final seconds. Elba doesn't have any stars like in years past that can carry the team to wins, but does have a lot of players that hustle and give their best, and when the shots start falling they just might surprise some folks. Don't count 'em out yet!

*** *The Elba Lady Tigers opened area play* last week with two home games and gave the fans their monies worth as they posted a two-point win over Kinston and a one-point win over Florala. The Lady Tigers rallied from an early 13-4 deficit and then held on late to escape with the win over Kinston, while in the last-second win over Florala the Lady Tigers rallied from a five-point fourth quarter deficit and scored with just one tick left on the clock to improve to 2-0 in area play. The Lady Tigers have now played 17 different teams this season, and the experience learned from playing all the different opponents was an obvious advantage in last week's two area wins.

*** *Area play tipped off last week* for all the teams in the area and after just one week of play there are already some surprises. Don't look now, but the Zion Chapel Rebels sit atop the area standings in their group and actually appear to have a real shot at claiming the area title. The Rebels posted lopsided wins over Samson and New Brockton to go 2-0 in the area and 9-6 overall, and should now have the confidence needed to believe they can win on any given night, no matter the opponent. Staying with the boys, Brantley has been another surprise this season as the Bulldogs have raced out to a 12-1 record and are the obvious choice to win the area title, while New Brockton and Kinston both play hard every time they take the court, but continue to find wins hard to come by. Over with the girls, Kinston's big 20-point blowout win over Brantley was the shocker of the season and made it clear there is more than one set of Lady Bulldogs in the area. Kinston may not have a lot of depth, but it does have a solid starting lineup and plays hard from start to finish every time they hit the court. Brantley is still an area favorite despite the big loss and will be around when the post-season tourney rolls around, while Zion Chapel has a real shot at a runner-up spot in the area standings and New Brockton is just hoping to find a win.

*** *The rumors are flying around town* concerning the head football search here in Elba and while a newspaper usually doesn't print rumors, this is my column and I thought I'd at least pass along some of what I have heard. Supposedly, interviews will begin on Jan. 22 with somewhere around eight coaches taking part, with a new coach to be named on Feb. 18 at a school board meeting. I won't pass along any names I have heard that may make the final list, but from what I have been told it includes two members of the current staff, one former head coach here at Elba, one former 5A head coach in the wiregrass, one junior high coach from the county, the head coach of a team Elba played this season in the playoffs, and maybe one or two others. It is up to you to fill in the blanks, but it looks like we still have a month to go before we find out who will lead the Tigers next season in the 2A ranks.

*** *In closing....* If there are no John Wayne of Clint Eastwood westerns on the tube I will actually watch a little pro football, and did so over the weekend. Most experts had already conceded the Super Bowl to Baltimore, which was knocked out in its opening game. I may watch a few more games if the TV schedule allows.

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Defeat Kinston 57-36

Elba Tigers win area opener

The Elba Tigers tipped off area play last week with a solid 57-36 win over the Kinston Bulldogs, in front of a large crowd at the Tiger gym.

Kinston jumped out to an early lead on a 3-pointer by Jeb Crosby and was still on top 8-7 with 2:36 remaining in the opening quarter after a basket by Ayden Wallace. However, Elba's Collin Harrison scored two late baskets and Tiger teammate Dylan Caldwell added a 3-pointer as the Tigers carried a 14-8 lead into the second stanza.

Elba's lead grew to 16-8 early in the second quarter after two visits to the free throw line, while Kinston ended its scoring drought with 6:36 left in the quarter and pulled within 16-10 on a basket layup by Reece Hall. The Bulldogs got within five points at 21-16 with 4:10 left in the half on a jumper by Crosby, but the Elba's Byron Burks and John Martin Wilson sparked a 9-0 run to out the Tigers up 30-16 at the half.

Kinston sneaked back into the game early in the third quarter and pulled within 32-20 with 5:45 remaining on a basket by Cole Sumblin, but Elba answered with an 8-0 run, sparked by the play of Wilson and Chrystyle Caldwell, to take a 40-20 lead with 2:18 still left in the stanza, and carried a 42-24 into the closing stanza.

Elba's lead grew to 48-26 with 6:55 left in the final stanza on a basket by Burks and stood at 52-31 with 3:53 left on a layup by Chrystyle Caldwell. Kinston made a mild rally and had a chance to cut into the Elba lead, but connected on only 2 of 7 free throws over a span of just over a minute, and the Tigers coasted in with the 57-36 area win over the Bulldogs.

John Martin Wilson scored 11 points and Chrystyle Caldwell added 10 to lead the Tigers, while Cole Sumblin led the Bulldogs with 10 points.

Elba (57): Tidwell 2, Lane 7, Moguel 3, Harrison 5, Coleman 2, Burks 5, Epps 6, Wilson 11, C. Caldwell 10, D. Caldwell 6.

Kinston (36): Hawthorne 1, Patterson 4, Hall 5, Sumblin 10, Wallace 5, Crosby 7, Matthews 4.

(JV Game)

The Elba Tigers made it look easy with a 52-35 win over the Kinston Bulldogs, in junior varsity action. The Tigers jumped out to a big early lead and never loomed back as they were never threatened. Zaydrian Daniels scored 15 points to lead Elba, while Chayse Peterson and Trent Hamilton added 11 points apiece.

Elba (52): Washington 5, Thomas 2, Hamilton 11, Hill 4, Peterson 11, Harrison 4, Daniels 15.

Kinston (35): Lunsford 10, Sims 11, Tew 12, Hughes 2.

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Elba Tiger sophomore Chrystyle Caldwell (22) gets inside for an easy basket in last week's area battle with Florala. Caldwell scored 25 points in the 66-48 loss that dropped the Tigers to 1-1 in area play.

(Photo by Roberta Gideon)

In area battle

Elba Tigers fall to Florala 66-48

The Elba Tigers hosted the high-scoring Florala Wildcats Friday night in a key early-season area match-up and were never able to overcome an early Wildcat explosion as they slipped to 1-1 in area play with a 66-48 homecourt loss.

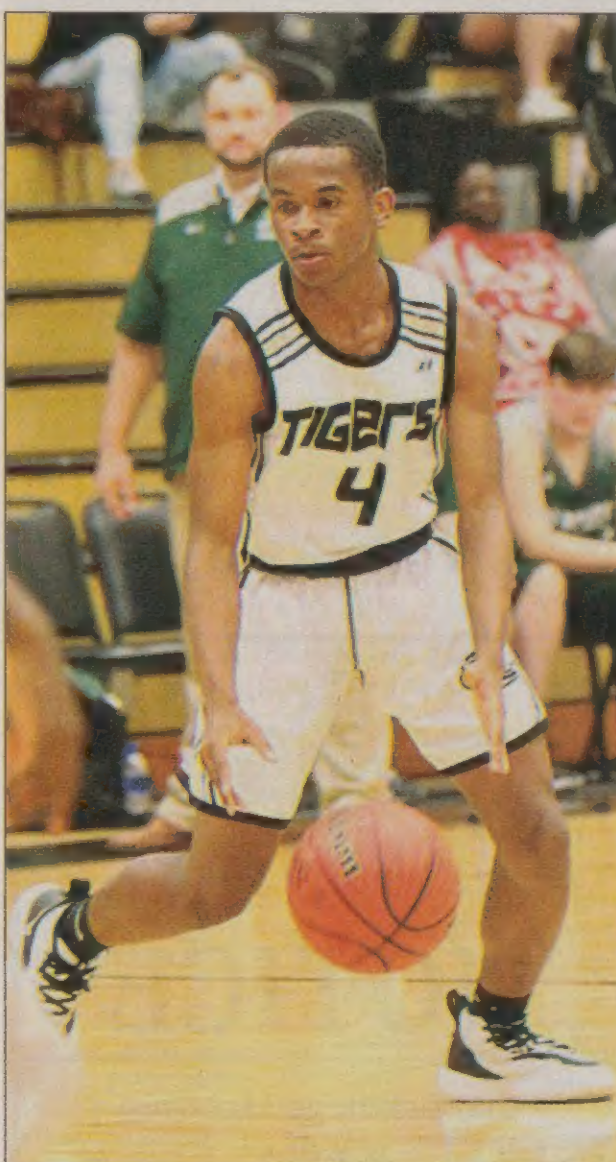
Florala came out on fire in the opening stanza and poured in 24 points to race out to a 24-10 lead, and while the Tigers settled down in the second quarter and battled the Wildcats on even terms behind the inside scoring of Chrystyle Caldwell, Elba managed to connect on only 6 of 20 free throws in the first half and at intermission trailed 39-25.

Caldwell continued to be almost unstoppable inside in the third quarter and helped the Tigers pull within 10 points on two occasions. However, Florala never backed down and heading into the final stanza owned a 54-39 advantage. Iverson Lane drained a long 3-pointer and Chrystyle Caldwell continued to bully his way inside in the fourth quarter as the Tigers got back within 11, but the Wildcats were simply too much and ended the game with a run to defeat Elba 66-48.

Chrystyle Caldwell scored 25 points to lead Elba, while Rashad Coleman scored 21 points for the Wildcats.

Florala (66): Stone 11, Stewart 10, Weeks 2, Coleman 21, Z. Reese 2, James 11, Gettis 1, Drakkar 8, Mitchell 2.

Elba (48): Lane 3, Harrison 3, Coleman 2, Burks 8, C. Caldwell 25, D. Caldwell 7.



Elba JV Tiger Trent Hamilton (4) dribbles down the court in last week's 49-40 win over Florala.

(Photo by Roberta Gideon)

(JV Game)

The Elba Tigers used a 19-5 third quarter rally to take command and rolled to a big 49-40 win over the Florala Wildcats, in junior varsity action. Elba trailed 19-17 at the half, but sparked by the scoring of Zaydrian Daniels outscored the Wildcats 19-5 in the third quarter to take a 36-24 lead, and held on late to claim the exciting win.

Zaydrian Daniels scored 13 points, all in the second half, to lead Elba, while Chayse Peterson added 12. Rayshon Coleman scored 16 points for Florala.

Elba (49): Washington 2, Thomas 8, Hamilton 2, Hill 9, Peterson 12, Daniels 13, Griffin 3.

Florala (40): Howell 9, Zomora 2, Seago 7, Coleman 16, Paul 2, Johnson 4.



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SPORTS NEWS



Elba Lady Tiger Freeda Hooks (23) gets up close and personal as she plays defense in last week's 37-36 area win over Florala. Hooks scored 10 points in the key area win. Florala player pictured dribbling ball upcourt is Meredith Parker (2).

(Photo by Roberta Gideon)

In area opener

Lady Tigers turn back Kinston 46-44

The Elba Lady Tigers overcame a slow start to claim a thrilling 46-44 area win over the Kinston Lady Bulldogs, last Tuesday night at Elba.

Elba grabbed an early 1-0 lead on a free throw by Jaylyn Baker and went on top 4-2 with 5:59 left in the first quarter after a basket by Breanna Sanders. However, Kinston came to life midway through the stanza and sparked by 3-pointers from Kelsi Cardwell and Addison Musgrove went on a 11-0 run to open up a 13-4 lead with 1:25 remaining in the quarter.

Two baskets by Elba's Nina Williams and a 3-

pointer by Breanna Sanders from deep in the corner helped the Lady Tigers pull even at 13-13 with 5:50 remaining in the second quarter, but Kinston quickly regained the lead at 14-13 on a free throw by Caitlyn Wilson and then went up 17-13 with 5:07 left in the half on a 3-pointer by Courtney Lunsford.

Kinston was on top 22-17 with 3:03 left on the clock after a basket by Musgrove, but the Lady Tigers pulled within one at 22-21 late on baskets by Nina Williams and Melissa Williams, and carried a 24-22 lead in at the half after a 3-pointer by Nina Williams with 15-sec-

onds left on the clock.

Elba's Melissa Williams drained a 3-pointer from the corner early in the third quarter to push the Lady Tigers lead to 27-22, and while Kinston refused to let the Elba lead get out of reach, the Lady Tigers never slowed down and closed the stanza with a 6-0 run to carry a 42-30 lead into the fourth quarter.

Kinston's Kelsi Cardwell nailed a pair of 3-pointers early in the fourth quarter to spark a 10-2 run that cut the Elba lead to 44-40 with 3:35 remaining on the clock, and while a basket by Elba's Breanna Sanders upped the lead to 46-40 with 1:40 re-

maining, Kinston never quit battling as the Lady Bulldogs cut the lead to 46-44 with 9-seconds left on a basket by Courtney Lunsford. Kinston made a late steal and had a chance to pull even, but was unable to get off a last-second shot as the Lady Tigers held on for the thrilling 46-44 area win.

Nina Williams scored 17 points and Breanna Sanders added 11 to lead Elba, while Kelsi Cardwell scored 15 points to lead Kinston.

Elba (46): Baker 6, N. Williams 17, M. Williams 7, Sanders 11, Hooks 5.

Kinston (44): Lunsford 13, Cardwell 15, Wilson 1, Musgrove 12, Peters 3.



GAME WINNER! Elba Lady Tiger Melissa Williams (12) goes up for the game winning shot in last week's 37-36 area win over Florala.

(Photo by Roberta Gideon)

In 37-36 area win

Lady Tigers nip Florala on last second basket

The Elba Lady Tigers improved their record to 12-5 and claimed their second straight area victory Friday night with a wild 37-36 win over the Florala Lady Wildcats, in front on a loud crowd at the Elba gym.

Elba went up 6-0 early in the first quarter behind the play of Nina Williams and stretched its lead to 12-3 late in the stanza when Freeda Hooks drained a long 3-pointer at the buzzer. Williams nailed her second 3-pointer of the half and scored five points in the second quarter, but the Lady Wildcats battled back and pulled within 20-17 at intermission on a last-second 3-pointer by Laken Hadley.

Jaylyn Baker scored four points in the third quarter and dominated play inside the paint. However, Baker's points were the only points scored by the Lady Tigers in the stanza, and Meredith Parker sparked the Lady Wildcats with eight points as Florala opened up a 29-24 lead heading into the final stanza.

Elba caught Florala at 33-33 midway in the quarter,

but went back down 36-33 with a minute left on a three-point play by the Lady Wildcats. Elba's Freeda Hooks was fouled on a drive and sank two free throws to pull Elba within 36-35, but the Wildcats went into a stall and called a time out with 8-seconds left still on top by one. Florala was whistled for a foul on the in-bounds play and handed the ball back to Elba, which immediately called a time out to set up a final play. Breanna Sanders pulled in a high pass on the in-bounds play and handed the ball off to Melissa Williams, who drove the lane through Lady Wildcat defenders and banked in a short jumper with one-second left on the clock to give Elba the wild 37-36 win.

Nina Williams scored 12 points and Freeda Hooks added 10 to lead Elba, while Meredith Parker led Florala with 10 points.

Elba (37): Baker 9, N. Williams 12, M. Williams 6, Hooks 10.

Florala (36): Parker 10, Anthony 3, Coleman 7, Wright 9, Hadley 7.

High School

ROUNDBALL ROUNDUP

BOYS:

Zion Chapel slams Samson 71-47

The Zion Chapel Rebels continued to pile up the wins with an impressive 71-47 area win over the Samson Tigers. Brady Cobb scored 18 points to lead the Rebels, while Nathan Grantham and Jacob Anderson both scored 13. Hayden McCoy scored 28 points to lead the Tigers.

Brantley rolls over Kinston 75-53

The Brantley Bulldogs remained unbeaten in area play with a solid 75-53 win over the Kinston Bulldogs. Taye Person scored 17 points and grabbed 12 rebounds to lead Brantley, while Billy Burnett added 16 points and Adam Carlisle scored 15. Cale Sumbly scored 23 points and Reece Hall added 11 to pace Kinston.

Rebels roll past New Brockton 54-38

The Zion Chapel Rebels improved their record to 9-6 and improved to 2-0 in area play with an impressive 54-38 win over the New Brockton Gamecocks. No stats were available.

GIRLS:

Lady Rebels fall to Samson 52-8

The Zion Chapel Lady Rebels never had a chance in a 52-8 area loss to the Samson Lady Tigers. Janna Miles scored 7 points to lead the Lady Rebels, while Kinley Johnson scored 20 points and Emma Lane added 9 to lead Samson.

Lady Bulldogs stun Brantley 47-27

The Kinston Lady Bulldogs jumped back in the area race with a shocking 47-27 romp past the Brantley Lady Bulldogs. Kelsi Cardwell scored 22 points to lead Kinston, while Faith Peters added 18 points and Courtney Lunsford handed out 12 assists. Gabby Perkins scored 21 points and grabbed 15 rebounds to lead Brantley.

Lady Rebels ambush 'Brockton 44-9

The Zion Chapel Lady Rebels rolled to a 44-9 win over the New Brockton Lady Gamecocks. Janna Miles scored 29 points and Alexis Walker added 8 to lead the Lady Rebels, while Paula McKenna and Madison Weeks scored 3 points, apiece, for the Lady Gamecocks.

SCHEDULES

Thursday, Jan. 16

Elba at Kinston
Goshen at New Brockton
Red Level at Zion Chapel

Friday, Jan. 17

Samson at Zion Chapel

Saturday, Jan. 18

Elba at Opp

Monday, Jan. 20

New Brockton at Arton

Brantley at H. Home

Tuesday, Jan. 21

Elba at Florala
Kinston at Brantley
Zion Chapel at Goshen

Thursday, Jan. 23

Zion Chapel at New Brockton

Kinston at Opp

H. Home at Brantley

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